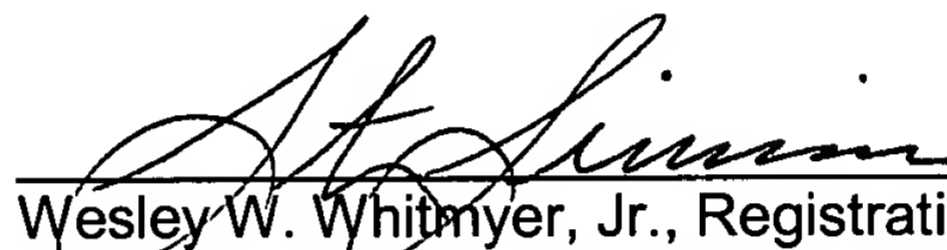


**Remarks**

By the foregoing Amendment, the specification is amended per the Examiner's comments and claim 19 is cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 have already been allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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